

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D. C.

November 2, 1967

The University Senate

The University Senate will meet at 2:10 pm, Friday, November 17, 1967, in The Faculty Conference Room, fifth floor, Lisner Library.

- Agenda:
- 1) Minutes of previous meeting.
 - 2) Announcements by the Chairman of the Executive Committee.
 - 3) Presentation of Student Council nomination of Mr. Bart Loring to replace Miss Jackie Banyaz as student member of the Student Relationships Committee. Election.
 - 4) Nomination of a replacement for Professor Julian Kulski, and the nomination of two additional members to the Physical Facilities Committee. The Executive Committee will nominate Professors Thomas A. Clingan, Law; Ali M. Kiper, Engineering; and Lloyd S. Bowling, Speech and Drama. Election.
 - 5) Brief reports on the Airlie House Conference held in Warrenton, Virginia, October 18 and 19, will be given by Senate members who served on the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Financial Affairs, and University Development Committees during the conference.
 - 6) A motion presented by the Executive Committee to change the date of the April meeting of the Senate from the 12th to the 5th of April, 1968, because the stated date falls in the Spring Recess.
 - 7) Report of Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom concerning policy of The George Washington University with respect to freedom of expression on campus. By a letter from President Elliott dated October 31, 1967, (see letter attached) to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, the Senate was asked to "consider and recommend such guidelines as will insure the preservation of the freedom of all groups and all points of view at this University, and the maintenance of appropriate order in the process."

To comply with this request the Chairman of the Executive Committee asked Professor Robert Park (see letter attached), Chairman of the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee of the University Senate, to assume primary responsibility for developing a resolution on this question to be submitted to the Senate for debate and action. At the time these agenda are being drafted the committee has not had time to carry out this assignment. It may be that a resolution will be prepared by the time the Senate meets on November 17, in which case unanimous consent may be asked for permission to debate and act on such a resolution.

- 8) Period for brief statements by members of the Senate and by visitors.
- 9) Adjournment.


Frederick R. Houser
Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

December 6, 1967

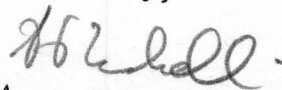
TO: Mrs. Kennedy, Registrar's Office

FROM: A. J. Zuchelli, Department of Physics

Mrs. Kennedy:

I would like to suggest that the minutes of the Senate meeting of 11/17/67, pg. 4 be modified so that the phrase, "Professor Zuchelli moved to strike line 9, page 5" will read "Professor Zuchelli moved to revise line 9, page 5." ✓

Sincerely,



A. J. Zuchelli

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CORRECTED
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Professor Wood announced the ratification by the Board of Trustees, October 19, 1967, of the RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FACULTY ORGANIZATION PLAN TO DEFINE ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE UNIVERSITY SENATE (66/8).

Professor David Sharpe, Chairman of the Administrative Matters Committee reported that his committee was coordinating with the University's Academic Policy Committee to study reforms in the University calendar. He reported also that his committee has pending a report on the present status of the audio-visual center. Professor Sharpe stated that his committee was looking into matters having to do with academic dishonesty as defined by the University catalogue.

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Professor Park moved that the rules requiring prior publication of Resolutions be waived, in accordance with Section 9(a) of the by-laws. Professor Wood seconded, and discussion ensued. Professor Zuchelli suggested that since the proposed resolution had not been seen prior to the meeting, the Senate should either defer action on it, or resign itself to a lengthy meeting and debate. Professor Hill said that the need for a statement now was of utmost importance, and agreed that the Senate should prepare for a long meeting. Professor Lewis called the question, and the ayes carried.

Professor Park expressed his regret that the short time the committee was given in which to hold hearings and prepare a report prevented an earlier report, and moved the adoption of the resolution attached to the report. Professor Willson seconded, and general discussion followed. Professor Zuchelli said that he felt the language of the statement was rather general and that the committee was avoiding the problem. Professor Park replied that the committee could have directed the language more to the recruiters, but wanted a continuing statement, and since the Student Life Committee was directing toward the specifics, his committee felt that a general statement was more appropriate.

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Professor Zuchelli moved, duly seconded and approved, a fifteen minute recess.

The meeting reconvened at 3:35 pm. The chair recognized Professor Wood, Executive Committee Chairman, who reminded the Senate that this body exercised its influence by the adoption of Resolutions and reports of its committees, and suggested that the Senate need not approve or disapprove all points in the report of the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom. Professor Allen said that he was

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Further discussion then followed. Professor Schlagel asked President Elliott whether or not the statement provided the guidelines the President had requested.

President Elliott relinquished the chair to Vice President Bright. In his reply he stated that clearly the seat of power in the University is the Senate, and he felt that the freedom of some students would be endangered if other students prevented them from meeting with recruiters; that freedom of the student to learn is part of his academic freedom. President Elliott said the University Senate has this opportunity to make its position known, and to fail to do so would be difficult to explain if we look back at the evolution of the Faculty Code and Ordinances, and of the creation of the University Senate.

The President quoted the report of the Middle States Committee in which the statement was made that the provisions are here for the Senate to become an increasingly important force in the development of the University.

Professor Lewis said that while he was impressed by the Academic Freedom Committee Statement, Professor Allen's important point of "rights and duties" in his proposed substitute statement should be introduced into the statement, and moved that the Statement be revised by adding Professor Allen's statement to the end of the original Statement on line 24.

Professors Brewer and Sharpe called a point of order, there was no second to Professor Lewis's motion, and it was lost. Professor Sharpe called for a suspension of the rules, in order to debate Professor Allen's motion for a substitute statement.

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Professor Allen withdrew his motion for a substitute statement, and Professor Schlagel his second. Professor Park moved to place upon the table his original motion, seconded by Professor Hill. Approved.

Professor Park moved the adoption of Resolution #2 on page 3 of the committee report, seconded. Professor Willson stated that he could not support Resolution #2, on page 3 of the report; that he believed recruiting on campus serves a useful function in the academic community, and moved, seconded by Professor Hill, that Resolution #2 on page 3, reading:

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See A RESOLUTION IN REGARD TO SENATE POLICY ON RECRUITING (67/~~3~~) attached.

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Professor Brewer then moved the question of the Willson amendment, and it carried. Resolution #2, as amended, was then voted upon and carried.

Professor Park moved, seconded by Professor Hill, that the original resolution be taken from the table. Approved.

Professor Zuchelli moved to revise line 9, page 5, of the Statement. No second was heard and the motion lost.

Professor Brewer called the previous question, and the RESOLUTION ON FREE EXPRESSION AND PROTEST ON CAMPUS (67/~~4~~) was carried unanimously.

President Elliott rose to speak on behalf of the Senate. He thanked the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom for the diligence and wisdom with which they prepared the report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33.

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The University Senate Committee on Professional
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SPECIAL REPORT: FREE EXPRESSION AND PROTEST ON CAMPUS, 1967-68

Background

Events in recent months have revealed a shift in strategies among student political activists and others from acts of propaganda and protest to acts of resistance and obstruction. On university and college campuses such acts have recently involved physical violence, false imprisonment of recruiters, harassment of speakers, suspensions and expulsions.

President Elliott has asked the Student Life Committee and the University Senate to provide recommendations of guidelines that "will insure the preservation of the freedom of all groups and all points of view at this University, and the maintenance of appropriate order in the process." (Letter to Prof. Wood, Oct. 31, 1967)

Professor Wood then asked the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom "to study the problem and to make specific proposals as to policy and possibly also procedures." (Letter to Prof. Park, Oct. 31, 1967)

The Committee Chairman took the position that the Committee's lack of immediate contact with student organizations and administrators, with the established and contemplated administrative procedures governing student activities, and with the student leaders involved, official and unofficial, campus and off-campus, made specific guidelines from the Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom undesirable. The Chairman felt that the Committee and the Senate cannot familiarize themselves with the particulars sufficiently to offer reliable guidelines, nor can either body react sufficiently rapidly to preserve that flexibility and adaptability essential to sound administration.

In a meeting (Nov. 1, 1967) with President Elliott, Prof. Wood, Prof. Hill (Chairman, Student Life Committee), and Mr. William Smith, the Chairman suggested that the Committee and the Senate confine themselves to a reiteration of the critical principles of free speech and academic freedom. Prof. Hill suggested that the specific problems of guidelines were within the special competency of the Student Life Committee, and that he was prepared to offer that Committee a set of resolutions directed at the problems of vocational recruiting, solicitation of student and faculty support for political activity on the campus, and organized protests. In general terms, this division of problems was agreed upon and the Committee prepared for an open meeting in which, in accordance with Prof. Wood's suggestion, a full hearing of persons interested in the issues would be afforded.

A public meeting was scheduled. A news story in The Hatchet provided general publication of the meeting and invited all interested parties to appear, giving them notice of the time and place, the matter under consideration, and directions for assuring themselves an opportunity to make a statement.

To insure a full range of debate and comment, individual invitations were extended to Mr. Kay (Pres. Student Council), Mr. Brechner (Editor, The Hatchet), Mr. William Smith (Acting Director of Student Services), Prof. Monroe Freedman (ACLU), Prof. Jones (Dept. of Religion), Mr. Rodney Robinson (National Mobilization for Peace), Prof. Peter Hill (Chairman, Student Life Committee), and others who could not attend or who submitted no statement in response to the invitation.

The meeting was open to the public. Approximately two hours were given to the airing of opinions, factual comment and reporting, and recommendations. A guide sheet of problems (Appendix II) was used to raise issues and stimulate discussion. The guide sheet raised twenty-one questions, eighteen of which received extended attention. The discussion was candid and speakers were heard without preference or selection, the format being one of a round table. After the general discussion, the Committee, four members being present, went into executive session to discuss its recommendations to the Senate. Six resolutions were passed. These are offered below, with comments to indicate why each was raised.

After this meeting the present report was prepared and circulated to the members of the Committee, and is submitted with changes as approved or concurring comment.

Action

Four members of the Committee (Gray, Mosel, Park, Weston), constituting a quorum, approved the following resolutions:

Resolution 1: That the Committee recommends that the University Senate adopt as its own the statement on free speech within the university as submitted by this Committee.

Comment: To facilitate discussion a draft statement on the general principles governing academic freedom was submitted to the Committee at the public hearing. The statement is attached (Appendix I). All parties present seemed to agree that it was a consensual statement of the traditional values and protections promoted by the concept of academic freedom. It was emphasized at the meeting that the statement is not directed solely at student protesters, but condemns activity by anyone who would frustrate rational inquiry and orderly debate.

Resolution 2: That recruiting of students by government, firms or other organizations is a service of the university but is not a function within the traditional protections of free speech or inquiry afforded by concepts of academic freedom.

Comment: There was considerable concern among those present as to the appropriateness of affording vocational recruiting recognition as a medium of free speech or inquiry within the traditional concepts of academic freedom. Vocational recruiting was characterized as a service, and not as a significant source of ideological content. Recruiters do not approach the campus prepared to debate policy and attempts by student protesters to treat them as partisan advocates does not transform them. The placement office does not seem to be appropriately characterized as a forum for intellectual inquiry or debate. Recruiting, it was generally felt, is a service function of the university and subject to appropriate managerial controls.

Resolution 3: That any disorder or violence, whether by student or faculty or administrator, that interferes with freedom of speech or freedom of inquiry on the campus as defined in the foregoing statement on free speech within the university raises threats to academic freedom and the university administration should exercise all reasonably necessary and lawful powers to protect the university and its members against such disorders or violence.

Comment: This resolution looks to the behavior of all participants in the processes of debate on campus, and emphasizes the particular threat to free speech identified in lines 8 through 15 of the statement on free speech within a university.

Resolution 4: That professional ethics requires the faculty to protect against any invasion of property or personal interests of students in the use of university services, such as recruiting, that is arbitrary or unfair.

Comment: Although the Committee did not feel that vocational recruiting was within the mainstream of university debate or inquiry, it did feel that the faculty owed to students the assurance of impartial and fair access to university services. Two points are especially worth noting: (1) the source of dissent and opposition to defense material manufacturers' recruiting is often from students who have no interest in such jobs and whose participation is at no cost to themselves but at perhaps serious inconvenience and costs to students in the physical sciences who might choose to interview these firms; (2) the contemporary enlargement of conceptions of property rights and property interests may, in fact, invest the student who desires to interview legitimate firms with some property interest that cannot be arbitrarily or discriminately denied, even if the administration were to be persuaded that such recruiting was offensive. This is not a personal duty upon individual faculty members, but an institutional obligation of the faculty collectively.

Thus, though on grounds of professional ethics and not of academic freedom, the faculty may owe the student who desires to interview legitimate firms whatever support it can offer to assure him that he is offered the same services in search of employment as is offered other students.

Resolution 5: That the university provide appropriate procedures by which, in accordance with The George Washington University's historic traditions of broad academic freedom, non-university persons may be invited to the campus under arrangements compatible with normal university functions.

Comment: This resolution was adopted to emphasize that the university not only has a duty to protect academic freedom by reasonable rules and orderly procedures, but that such protection is an important part of the heritage of The George Washington University.

Resolution 6: That the Committee forwards to the Senate the recommendations of the Student Life Committee without specific comment other than to express its agreement with that committee's evident desire to establish orderly procedures.

Comment: In accordance with the ideas outlined in the Background section above, the Committee felt that detailed recommendations on the administration of speakers, student organizations, use of physical facilities, etc. were the proper business of the Student Life Committee and, perhaps, of other Senate Committees, but were not properly the business of this Committee unless raised in a quasi-judicial fashion by the need to determine whether a specific act or event violated the academic freedom of one, some or all of the faculty or students. Since, under the Code, this investigatory and adjudicatory function is assigned this Committee, it would seem inappropriate for it to prepare explicit guidelines which it might subsequently have to evaluate as to their appropriateness or legitimacy in terms of academic freedom. The recommendations of the Student Life Committee are attached. (Appendix III)

Conclusion

As was suggested by Resolution 1, it is the recommendation of the University Senate Committee on Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom that the University Senate adopt as its own the statement on free speech within the university as submitted by this Committee. (Appendix IV)

Professor Roderic H. Davison
Professor Wood Gray
Professor James Mosel
Professor Glen E. Weston
Professor Robert Park, Chairman